

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. William F. Luebke
Mr. Richard A. Price
Mr. John L. Margowski, Secretary

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEETING: May 17, 2005

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Mr. John Margowski, Secretary (acting Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Clarence Stoel, Chairperson, was excused from the meeting as he is on vacation. The January 5, 2005 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Margowski shared that the Sons of Union Civil War Groups appeared to have found money to replace deteriorating markers in area cemeteries as they never came back to us. Mr. William Luebke made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Richard Price seconded the motion. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, and the motion was passed unanimously.

CASE #KJ, (28780)

This case involves a Vietnam veteran who has terminal cancer. Veteran was not in-country Vietnam. Mr. Margowski submitted a Subsistence Aid Grant to Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs to help the veteran with his expenses. The grant was small because Social Security monies were granted to the veteran. In the interim, the veteran's vehicle did not pass the emissions test. The vehicle was taken to Firestone, where they were advised the vehicle needed a catalytic converter. Mr. Margowski advised the veteran to take the vehicle to Moon's Automotive Repair as he would be able to have Moon's authorize repairs. Moon Automotive Repair found, in addition to the catalytic converter, that the mounting block was cracked and some valves needed replacing. The total repair cost was \$790. Moon's repaired only what was needed. Mr. Margowski solicited funds to pay the bill and was able to raise \$650. A \$150 solicitation is questionable. Mr. Margowski is asking the Veterans Service Commission to approve the \$140 difference to pay the balance of the repair with an additional \$150, if the questionable solicitation falls through.

The veteran filed bankruptcy in March 2005. His monthly expenses exceed his income. His wife is also disabled. The only family is an 18-year-old stepdaughter of the veteran. The vet will stay on VA Pension until Social Security Disability kicks in. It does not seem likely that the veteran will ever return to work. Mr. Margowski pointed out the vehicle was needed for doctor/hospital appointments, shopping, etc. Mr. Price questioned mileage for doctor appointments. The veteran needs to travel from Pewaukee to the Zablocki Medical Center for treatment.

Mr. Price made a motion to authorize payment. Mr. Luebke seconded the motion. Authorization passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the June 15, 2005 Monument Dedication Ceremony at the Waukesha County Administration Center. Mrs. Pat Craney will volunteer to decorate. The Marine Reserves will be providing the Color Guard. Letters of invitation still need to be sent out. A tent may be available if there is rain.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Luebke and was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. John L. Margowski,
Secretary

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